

somewhat older than I am, but he is still the dean; and it is my distinct pleasure to yield to the Honorable JERRY LEWIS, the dean of the Republican delegation from California.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I very much appreciate my colleague from California yielding me a moment. DORIS knows that Bob and I were very, very dear friends. We came to the Congress together. At that time we talked a lot about our hometown, for the Matsui family knows that Arlene and I consider in many ways Sacramento to be really our second home. It was our privilege to spend a decade there working in the legislature on behalf of public affairs; and the reputation of the Matsui family went well ahead of their service here. Bob served as a member of the board of supervisors and was a fabulous local leader.

In turn, his tragic loss was a shock to all of us, but clearly the voice expressed by that vote by the people in that district that surrounds and includes Sacramento is a reflection of the fact that their people know and deeply believe that DORIS is the person to reflect the view and the future that Bob would have for the country.

DORIS, I want you to know that we do not just welcome you to the family today but it is very important for you and I to know that we will continue to work together on behalf of California and our second home; and, indeed, there are wonderful things as well as great things in the future that need to be done.

So welcome, God bless you, God-speed.

Mr. STARK. And now, Mr. Speaker, with a final note that the California Democratic delegation of 33 members is now 55 percent nonmale, I want to introduce our newest Member, the Honorable DORIS MATSUI.

#### MAIDEN SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE DORIS O. MATSUI

(Ms. MATSUI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MATSUI. Speaker HASTERT, Leader PELOSI, Chairman LEWIS and Mr. STARK, thank you very much and all the distinguished Members and friends here for welcoming me here today.

As I look around this Chamber, I see so many of you who have been my friends throughout these years. And now today I have the honor of calling you my colleagues. The last time I was here in this Chamber was December 23. Obviously, the House was out of session then. But Bob was so excited because he was going to bring Anna on the floor to witness his swearing in for his 14th term. So that morning of the 23rd term. So that morning of the 23rd we decided to do a practice run, and we brought Anna here on the floor of this awe-inspiring Chamber to get her used

to it. After that, we went back to his office and we just happened to take a picture of Anna sitting on her grandfather's lap behind a desk with the Capitol behind. The next day, Bob fell ill and was hospitalized. And he tried so hard to get well, because he wanted to be here with his colleagues and with Anna.

As you all know, he loved this body. He loved coming to work here. And he loved all of you. But he did not win that battle. In the days since, I spent a lot of time talking with the people of Sacramento, and I have come to appreciate even more what Bob maintained all along, that his commitment to equality, his dedication to ensuring dignity to the elderly, his work to make Sacramento even a better place to live and work and to raise a family, and his driving desire to make America stronger for each successive generation, those things were not about him at all. They were about us. They were about our future.

And so I take this oath today with a heart both heavy and hopeful that we can all work together to build that better future. The challenges facing the people of Sacramento did not end with my husband's service. I know that Bob made all of you aware, in some cases painfully aware, how important the issue of flood control is to Sacramento. For many, many years, probably a couple of decades, my husband bent your ears on that. You will not be surprised to hear that that pain in your ear is not going to go away until we get it done.

This is truly the people's House, and that is why Bob loved it so. And I realize as I was talking and listening to the people of Sacramento how important it is to connect with the people. As I was talking with them in the grocery stores and the coffee shops, at the service stations, I heard from many people. Bob's high school teacher came up to me one day and said, DORIS, please, please make sure that Social Security is secure. I ran into a young mother at the grocery store who stopped me as I was picking up a can of peas and said, Mrs. MATSUI, I lost my husband a year ago, and I need those Social Security benefits for my son and myself.

When I was in a coffee shop, a young man rolled over to me and said, Mrs. MATSUI, I really need those disability benefits, because I don't want to have to depend on my parents. I talked to the hardware store owner and I listened really hard because he wants to provide health care benefits for his employees, but finds it to be very difficult.

Social Security, health care, the war in Iraq, these are all local issues. We happen to talk about them here, but they are all local issues. And on these issues and so many more, I look forward to working with all of you to find common ground and achieve common good.

I mentioned earlier the photo of Anna sitting on her grandfather's lap. One of our other family treasures is a photo of Brian here at age 6 witnessing his father's first swearing in. He sat right there. He is sitting there now. He is sitting there with his own daughter, Anna. Seeing him there and seeing Anna is a reminder that despite tragedy and heartbreak, life indeed does go on. And I know that somewhere Bob is looking down and smiling, knowing that Anna was here on the floor having watched her grandmother being sworn in.

Life does go on. And so it is with Bob's example and Anna's inspiration of future generations and with the hopes and dreams of the people of Sacramento, I take this honor and I have taken this oath to join you today as a colleague. And I truly, truly appreciate being here.

Thank you so very much.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005, TO FILE PRIVILEGED REPORT ON EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight, March 11, 2005, to file a privileged report, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would just ask the gentleman if he could explain what the schedule is for consideration of the bill both in the Rules Committee and on the floor, and I yield to the gentleman from California for that purpose.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding. I would be happy to try to respond. At this moment it is my anticipation that we will be in the Rules Committee on Monday next in the evening, sometime in the late day, I suppose; and hopefully we will be on the floor on Tuesday. If not on Tuesday, Wednesday.

Mr. OBEY. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 1 of rule XXI, points of order are reserved.